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SECRET SERVICE

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BLAM MM!

PI-TOON!

A-367

IT WAS WINTER IN KOREA, AND MEN FOUGHT AND DIED IN THE SNOW! THEY DIDN'T KNOW THAT THERE WAS A NEW DEATH WAITING FOR THEM IN THE HANDS OF A TRAITOR! BUT CAPT. KENT BLAKE, OF G-2, ARMY INTELLIGENCE, KNEW---- AND IT WAS HIS JOB TO FIND AND STOP THE TRAITOR WHO CARRIED'----

"DEATH IN HIS HAND!"

AND WHILE THE BLOOD OF GALLANT G.I.'S FROZE IN THE SNOW OF KOREA---

BWAMM!

HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS OF BOTH SIDES MET TO TALK OF PEACE!

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AND OUTSIDE, REPORTERS FROM MANY NATIONS WAITED IN THE SNOW FOR THE NEWS!

WITH THE U.S. REPORTERS WAS CAPT. KENT BLAKE, OF G 2....!

FINE THING PLAYING NURSEMAID TO A BUNCH OF REPORTERS!

TAKE IT EASY, CAPTAIN! AFTER WHAT YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH LATELY YOU CAN STAND A VACATION, AND THIS IS IT!

NONE OF US CAN AFFORD A VACATION UNTIL THIS THING IS OVER!

THAT MIGHTN'T BE TOO LONG, IF THE PEACE TEAMS CAN WORK OUT ANY KIND OF SETTLEMENT!

I WOULDN'T COUNT ON THAT! FOR SOME REASON THE COMMIES ARE BECOMING MORE ARROGANT EVERY DAY!

HEY, GRANT, THEY'RE COMING OUT....!

WHAT'S THE WORD?

DID YOU REACH A SETTLEMENT?

WE HAVE REACHED NO SETTLEMENT! THE DEMANDS OF THE COMMUNIST NEGOTIATORS ARE BEYOND REASON! OUR PEACE TEAM WILL CONSIDER A REPLY AND THERE WILL BE ANOTHER MEETING HERE TOMORROW! I'LL GIVE YOU FULL DETAILS BACK AT THE BASE!

TWO LINES OF JEEPS, GOING IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS, MOVE AWAY THROUGH THE SNOW! PEACE IS STILL ONLY A WORD.....

AND MEN STILL DIE IN THE SNOW.....!

BRAGA-TAC-TAC-TAC-TAC...

THE SAME SNOW CAPT. BLAKE'S JEEP PLOWS THROUGH ON THE WAY BACK TO BASE CAMP WITH THE REPORTERS!

THAT'S FUNNY---THERE'S A JEEP COMING TOWARD US FROM BASE ---THAT TOP BRASS IN THE BACK IS WAVING---I THINK AT US!

PULL UP! THAT'S COLONEL KRUGER, MY SUPERIOR OFFICER! WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HE DOING HERE?

CAPT. BLAKE, PLEASE STEP OVER HERE A MINUTE!

YES, SIR!

GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, SIR! I HOPE THIS MEANS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE ME OFF THIS ASSIGNMENT AND PUT ME ON SOMETHING IMPORTANT!

I'M GOING TO PUT YOU ON SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT, BUT YOU'LL STILL STAY ON THIS ASSIGNMENT! NOW LISTEN CLOSELY WHILE I GIVE YOU A RUN-DOWN!

SOME TIME AGO, AT THE NEW MEXICO ATOMIC PLANT, A NEW ELEMENT WAS DISCOVERED! IT'S CALLED ELEMENT X, AND IS VERY HUSH-HUSH! IT'S THE MOST POWERFUL EXPLOSIVE YET DISCOVERED IN ATOMIC RESEARCH! A TUBE OF THE STUFF, NO LONGER THAN YOUR FINGER, COULD BLOW UP HALF A CITY!

A SAMPLE OF THE STUFF, AND THE FORMULA, ON MICRO FILM WAS STOLEN, AND, THOUGH WE'RE NOT DEFINITELY SURE, WE THINK ONE OF THE REPORTERS HAS IT TO SELL TO THE REDS!

THAT COULD BE THE REASON THE REDS ARE STYMYING THE PEACE TALKS---WAITING TO GET THIS STUFF AND THEN USE IT AGAINST US HERE IN KOREA!

EXACTLY! YOU'VE GOT TO FIND OUT **IF** ONE OF THOSE FOUR REPORTERS HAS IT, AND **IF** HE HAS, TO GET HIM BEFORE THE REDS DO!

I WON'T LET THEM OUT OF MY SIGHT, SIR! BUT IT'S ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE THAT ONE OF THOSE MEN SHOULD BE A TRAITOR! WHAT MAKES A MAN LIKE THAT TURN TRAITOR?

GREED, KENT---! THE MAN WHO SELLS ELEMENT X TO THE ENEMY WILL MAKE A FORTUNE! HE'LL HAVE MONEY IN HIS POCKET---AND BLOOD ON HIS HANDS!

THE BLOOD OF COUNTLESS G.I.'S! O.K. COLONEL, IF ONE OF THOSE FOUR MEN IS THE TRAITOR, I'LL FIND HIM!

THE DRIVER GUNNED THE MOTOR, THE JEEP MOVED AWAY, AND CAPT. BLAKE SAT THINKING OF THE FOUR MEN BEHIND HIM...

IF ONE IS A TRAITOR, WHICH ONE CAN IT BE...?

GRANT?

TALON?

BERG?

CROWLEY?

THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS OF CONSTANT VIGILANCE! BLAKE NEVER LET THE FOUR MEN OUT OF HIS SIGHT!

NONE OF THEM HAS MADE A FALSE MOVE! BUT I'M GETTING PLAYED OUT! I'LL HAVE TO FORCE THE ISSUE SOON TO MAKE SURE ONE OF THEM IS GUILTY!

CAPTAIN, WE'VE JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT THERE'LL BE NO PEACE PARLEY TODAY! THE REDS HAVE BEGUN SHELLING A SECTION NORTH OF HERE AND WE THINK THERE'LL BE AN ATTACK!

NUTS! NOW WE'LL HAVE TO LOB AROUND HERE ALL DAY IN THE COLD! WHAT A WAR!

THIS MAY BE THE BREAK! I'M GOING TO MAKE A TRY AT BREAKING ONE OF THESE MEN DOWN!

WAIT A MINUTE, FELLOWS! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE SOME OF THE BATTLE TERRAIN?

SURE! MIGHT GET A FEATURE OUT OF IT!

O.K., GET IN... I'LL TAKE YOU THERE!

KENT WAS TAKING A LONG CHANCE--- A CHANCE THAT ENDANGERED HIS OWN LIFE AS WELL AS T[illegible] LIVES OF THE FOUR REPORTERS

HE DROVE TO A SMALL BOMBED OUT VILLAGE----!

SAY, CAPTAIN, AREN'T THOSE SHELLS KIND OF CLOSE?

WE WON'T GO ANY FURTHER! YOU MEN REST IN THAT HUT--- I'M GOING TO SPEAK TO THE LIEUTENANT OVER THERE!

KRUMP!

SIR, WE'RE PULLING OUT! THE REDS ARE MASSING TWO FULL DIVISIONS TO MOVE DOWN HERE, AND THEY'LL START SHELLING THIS AREA SOON, SO YOU'D BETTER FALL BACK WITH US!

THANKS, LIEUTENANT, BUT WE'LL REST HERE AWHILE AND CATCH UP WITH YOU LATER----I HOPE!

BWAM!

OUR TROOPS ARE MOVING OUT AND THOSE SHELLS ARE COMING CLOSER----!

RELAX, CROWLEY! I'LL SMOKE A CIGARETTE AND THEN WE'LL START BACK!

KENT SMOKED HIS CIGARETTE, WATCHING THE MEN AS THE SHELLS BOOMED CLOSER AND ANXIETY AND FEAR BUILT UP IN THEM----

VHOOM BLAM!

BOOMM!

I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE----!

ME TOO...!

HOLD IT, GENTLEMEN... YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE! I'LL SHOOT THE FIRST MAN WHO ATTEMPTS TO LEAVE THIS HUT!

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS, CAPTAIN? HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY?

THERE'S REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ONE OF YOU MEN IS A TRAITOR WHO STOLE THE FORMULA AND A SAMPLE OF A NEW EXPLOSIVE TO SELL TO THE REDS!

UNTIL THAT MAN CONFESSES, WE ALL STAY RIGHT HERE... AND LET ME WARN YOU... THIS SECTOR IS ABOUT TO BE SHELLED FLAT, AND AFTER THAT THE REDS WILL MOVE IN!

BROOMMMM!

THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS! WE'LL ALL BE KILLED!

WHY DON'T YOU SEARCH US? THAT WAY YOU'LL FIND OUT FAST IF ONE OF US HAS THIS STUFF! THEN WE CAN GET OUT OF HERE!

YOU'VE ALL BEEN PROCESSED BEFORE YOU CAME UP HERE! IF ONE OF YOU HAS IT IT'S SO WELL HIDDEN THAT ANY SEARCH I MADE NOW WOULD BE FRUITLESS!

YOU'LL DESTROY THE LIVES OFF ALL OF US ON THE SUPPOSITION THAT ONE OF US IS A TRAITOR! IF NONE OF US IS... HAS NOTHING TO CONFESS... WE'LL ALL BE MURDERED FOR NOTHING!

THAT'S THE CHANCE I'LL HAVE TO TAKE... WITH YOUR LIVES AND MINE!

BLAM! BROOMMM!

SHELLS POUNDED AND SMASHED, ROCKING THE HUT, AND CAPT. BLAKE STOOD WITH GUN IN HAND, WATCHING, WAITING, WAITING... WHICH ONE WAS THE TRAITOR...?

WHAMM!

KLUMPP!

YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO US... YOU CAN'T MURDER US THIS WAY...!

COL. KRUGER WASN'T SURE IT WAS ONE OF THESE MEN... PERHAPS THEY'RE INNOCENT! I'LL WAIT ANOTHER MINUTE, THEN LEAD THEM OUT OF HERE!

VEEEOWWWW!

I'M GOING... DON'T TRY TO STOP ME...!

HOLD IT, TALON...!

VHOOMM!

I WARNED YOU! THIS FOUNTAIN PEN I CARRY IS FILLED WITH ELEMENT X... THE MICRO FILMS ARE IN ITS BASE! IF YOU TRY TO STOP ME I'LL PULL THE TRIGGER AND BLOW YOU TO KINGDOM COME!

YOU'RE BLUFFING TALON, YOU DIRTY TRAITOR! IF YOU RELEASE THAT THING IN HERE IT WILL KILL YOU TOO!

REDS...AN ARMY OF THEM ...COMING THIS WAY!

I'VE PULLED THE TRIGGER.....!

STOP...!

BLAM!

IN MIDAIR, KENT CAUGHT THE DEATH-LADEN PEN THE TRAITOR HAD THROWN AT HIM.....!

OUTSIDE... QUICK!

LOOK...THEY'VE KILLED TALON!

HE WAS TRYING TO ESCAPE TO HIS FRIENDS AND THEY TURNED ON HIM! GET IN THE JEEP....HURRY!

BADA-BADA-BADA!

KENT HURLED THE DEADLY FOUNTAIN PEN AT THE ONCOMING COMMIES...!

THEY WANTED ELEMENT X... SO WE'LL GIVE IT TO THEM...../

KA-BOOM-M-M!

CAPT. KENT BLAKE AND THE THREE REPORTERS MADE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE BACK TO BASE CAMP! SO ENDED ANOTHER DEADLY ASSIGNMENT FOR THE MAN FROM G-2, IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY!

THE END

THE PIPES OF WAR

"QUIT that insane caterwauling," roared Sergeant Chunkins, "or I'll spread you all over the Korean landscape!"

The music ceased, as Private First Class Angus McTavish raised his mild face from his bagpipes.

"Dinna ye appr-reciate good music, ser-r-geant?" Angus asked innocently.

He was answered with another roar, one which shook the tentpost, and caused the tent itself to flutter as if in a hurricane.

"Never mind about whether I appreciate music," the sergeant choked. "You just quit squeezing groans outta that—that bagpipe!" he finished, searching hopelessly for a word strong enough to express his feelings.

Private McTavish's face was still mild and innocent under the sandy hair. "The wor-rd is plural, ser-r-geant," he said. "It is *bagpipes*, not bagpipe. It derrives, I believe, fr-rom the old Gaelic wor-rd, *piobrach*—"

Corporal Bill Bailey, observing the scene from his bunk, and doing his best to keep from laughing, thought the sergeant was going to explode at this point. With a superhuman effort, the sergeant managed to control himself, however, and he turned on his heel and marched off.

Private McTavish returned his face to his pipes, and began once more to produce those sounds which, while they irritate some people who have never heard them before, are considered among the most stirring in the world by those who have become accustomed to them. After about twenty minutes, the lights-out signal came, and Private McTavish carefully put his pipes away and climbed into his bunk—the one next to Private Bailey's.

"Why do you keep irritating the poor sergeant like that, Angus?" Bill wanted to know.

"Me? Ir-r-ritatin' the ser-r-geant?" Private McTavish sounded aggrieved. "I'm entitled to play on my time, am I not?" he demanded. "Why should men be per-r-mitted to make unpleasant noises on guitar-rs, accor-rdions and what not, and I be forbidden to play my war-r-pipes?"

"Warpipes?" Bill rose on one elbow, interested. "What do you mean by that?"

"Dinna ye ken that music like mine has piped br-rave men to war-r for untold hundrreds of year-rs? Fash, mon, why an ancestor of mine piped before the ar-rmies of the Br-ruce, himself—the gr-reat Scottish king who fought the Br-rittish near a thousand year-rs ago."

Bill shrugged in the darkness. "I don't feel the way Sergeant Chunkins does, of course—matter of fact, I like to listen to 'em—but I never knew bagpipes had such a distinguished history."

"Aye, that they do, and they'll distinguish themselves in the future, too. The day of the skirling pipes hasna passed yet!"

"Now, Angus," Bill said gently, "let's not be foolish. I know you love your pipes, but they haven't any place in modern war! Surely you'll admit—"

"I'll no admit a thing!" Angus rasped. "You just wait, mon—you'll see!"

But all Private Bailey saw, in the days that followed, was Sergeant Chunkins' mounting wrath. It began to worry Bill. He knew from past experience that the sergeant could be vindictive when enraged, and he began to suspect that Private Angus McTavish was not the kind to back down in a fight. Things were going to get even more serious, Bill knew.

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KENT BLAKE

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OVER THE MOUNTAINS, INTO THE ICY WIND, A HUGE ARMY MOVED...PLODDING, QUILTED, CHINESE REDS...FRESH TROOPS FROM MANCHURIA! THEY WERE A MONSTROUS, LIVING WEIGHT, TO SWING THE BALANCE OF POWER IN KOREA AND MAKE A MOCKERY OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS!

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WE'RE BOGGED DOWN, SIR... THE HALF-TRACKS AND ARTILLERY, TOO!

SO THE MASS OF REDS MET ONLY TOKEN RESISTANCE BY INFANTRY THAT THEY OUTNUMBERED 100 TO 1!

BADA-BADA-BLAM!

H-ROW!

AND THEY SWEPT THROUGH AND MOVED ON, LEAVING THE DEAD BEHIND THEM!

KRAK

BRACKA-TAC

AND WHILE THE DEADLY MASS MOVED SOUTH AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE WAS TAKING PLACE BETWEEN COLONEL KRUGER AND G2'S MOST VALUABLE MAN, CAPT. KENT BLAKE!

KENT, YOU KNOW OUR PLANES HAVE THEIR HANDS FULL, OUTNUMBERED BY THE MIG'S AS THEY ARE! OUR ARMOR AND MEN ARE TIED UP ON OTHER FRONTS, YET THIS NEW, VAST ARMY MUST BE STOPPED!

HOW, COLONEL KRUGER?

ONLY ONE WAY! THEIR SOURCE OF SUPPLY MUST BE CUT OFF! WITHOUT FOOD, SUPPLIES, AMMUNITION, THEY WILL COME TO A STOP!

I SEE! THEY WILL STOP TO WAIT FOR SUPPLIES, AND THIS WILL GIVE US THE TIME WE NEED TO GATHER ENOUGH MEN AND ARMOR TO HOLD THEM IN BATTLE!

BUT YOU TOLD ME YOU DIDN'T KNOW THE ROUTE THEIR SUPPLIES WILL COME OVER!

I DON'T! BUT THERE IS A KOREAN WITH THEM THAT DOES KNOW THE ROUTE... ONE OF OUR OWN MEN, HARU! HE IS GOING TO DELIVER A MAP OF THE ROUTE TO ONE OF OUR AGENTS AT A DESIGNATED RENDEZVOUS!

I GET IT! I'M TO BE THAT AGENT!

RIGHT! THERE'S A LITTLE, BOMBED-OUT VILLAGE, SAM-CHON, RIGHT HERE! HE WILL DELIVER THE MAP TO YOU THERE!

THAT'S IN ENEMY-HELD TERRITORY! THIS LOOKS LIKE IT'LL BE NO PICNIC!

IT'S THE MOST DANGEROUS, AND IMPORTANT MISSION YOU'VE EVER UNDERTAKEN, KENT! I'M SENDING TWO GOOD MEN WITH YOU... THE DAY BROTHERS, SIMON AND ALLAN! ONE OF YOU MUST GET BACK HERE WITH THAT MAP!

SIMON AND ALLAN DAY WERE OLD FRIENDS OF KENT BLAKE...!

GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, KENT!

WE'VE GOT A JOB TO DO TOGETHER, FELLOWS!

MEN, I'LL BRIEF YOU AGAIN, BEFORE YOU LEAVE! REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, ONE OF YOU MUST GET BACK WITH THAT MAP!

WE'LL NOT FORGET, SIR!

IT WAS NIGHT WHEN THE THREE MEN BEGAN THEIR DANGEROUS MISSION! FIRST BY JEEP!

SO LONG, SERGEANT!

LAST STOP!

THEN BY FOOT, THROUGH THE SNOW AND COLD...

THROUGH SHELLED AREAS....!

BLUM!

AND THROUGH ENEMY-HELD TERRITORY, MOVING ONLY BY NIGHT... CRAWLING LIKE PHANTOMS THROUGH THE SNOW!

WE'VE BEEN AWFULLY LUCKY SO FAR!

YEAH! YOU KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN SO YOU STAY LUCKY, AL!

THERE'S A WONDERFULLY STRONG BOND BETWEEN THOSE TWO! THEY EVEN SEEM TO KNOW WHAT THE OTHER IS THINKING!

THERE'S THE VILLAGE ....SAMCHON!

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WE'RE A DAY EARLY FOR THE RENDEZVOUS! I HOPE HARU IS ON TIME....!

THAT HUT LOOKS FAIRLY WELL PRESERVED, LET'S MOVE IN!

THEY BEGAN AN ANXIOUS WAIT! TWO DAYS AND NIGHTS PASSED, AND THE KOREAN AGENT FAILED TO APPEAR!

I DON'T LIKE IT! HE SHOULD'VE BEEN HERE BY NOW!

HOW LONG ARE WE GOING TO WAIT?

WE CAN'T WAIT TOO LONG! ANOTHER DAY, AND THAT RED ARMY MIGHT BE DOWN THIS FAR AND TRAP US HERE!

THAT MEANS WE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE BY MORNING! BUT IF WE DON'T GET THAT MAP.....!

SHHHHH!

SOMEONE'S COMING...

DOUSE THAT LIGHT!

HARU!

YES, IT IS I! THEY FOUND ME OUT, BUT I ESCAPED! THERE ARE PATROLS ALL AROUND US, SEARCHING FOR ME! THERE IS NO TIME TO LOSE!

YOU'RE HURT... SIMON, GET MY FIRST AID KIT....!

NO! I AM DONE FOR, SHOT THROUGH! TAKE OFF MY BOOT.... RIGHT FOOT! THE MAP OF THEIR SUPPLY ROUTE IS THERE.....! HURRY!

I'VE GOT IT!

GO NOW, QUICKLY! LEAVE ME A GUN, I WILL SHOOT AS LONG AS I AM ABLE, AND TRY TO DIVERT THEIR ATTENTION FROM YOU! GO! HURRY!

A GREAT GUY, HARU! TOO BAD.....!

IT'S WHAT WE ALL FACE! LISTEN, I'M PUTTING THIG MAP INSIDE MY JACKET! IF THEY GET ME, YOU FELLOWS GRAB THE MAP AND GO ON! THIS MAP MUST GET TO H.Q.!

ENEMY PATROL....!

KRAK!

RUN FOR IT....!

KRAK!

TOOOWN!

WHERE'S AL...? WHAT...?

HE'S HIT! WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK....!

HOLD IT, SIMON! WE CAN'T GO BACK! THE REDS ARE CLOSING IN ON HIM NOW....!

LET ME GO! IT'S AL .... MY BROTHER! I'VE GOT TO HELP HIM....!

WE CAN'T HELP HIM.... IT'S TOO LATE! THEY'LL SPOT US....! WE'VE GOT TO GET THIS MAP BACK....!

LET ME GO.....!

SIMON, I HATE TO DO THIS ...BUT I HAVE TO....!

QUICKLY, KENT DRAGGED SIMON'S LIMP BODY BENEATH THE ROOTS OF A GIANT TREE, AND PEERED OUT THROUGH AN OPENING IN THE SNOW, HOPING THE REDS HADN'T SPOTTED THEM..!

AND HE SAW THE END OF A GALLANT SOLDIER....!

KRAK!

KRAK!

KRAK!

THE REDS SEARCHED EVERY INCH OF THE WOODS.....!

BUT FAILED TO FIND THE WELL-HIDDEN AGENTS.....!

AL?

THEY GOT HIM! SHHHHH, MORE OF THEM COMING!

AND BY NIGHTFALL THE REDS HAD GIVEN UP THE SEARCH.....!

KENT, I ACTED LIKE A FOOL, BUT AL...AND I WERE CLOSER THAN BROTHERS!

I UNDERSTAND, SIMON! OUR JOB IS A TOUGH ONE! AL COUNTED BIG IN THE SERVICE, BUT NO ONE MAN COUNTS MORE THAN THE JOB! THE ONLY IMPORTANT THING IS THIS MAP, AND GETTING IT BACK!

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WAM!

BADA-BADA-BLAM!

AND THAT TIME WAS BOUGHT BY THE DEATH OF TWO GALLANT MEN! BUT GI DOESN'T ADVERTISE THE GALLANTRY OF ITS MEN! ALLAN DAY AND HARU WERE SIMPLY MARKED..... CASUALTY!

CASUALTY
KOREA

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THE END

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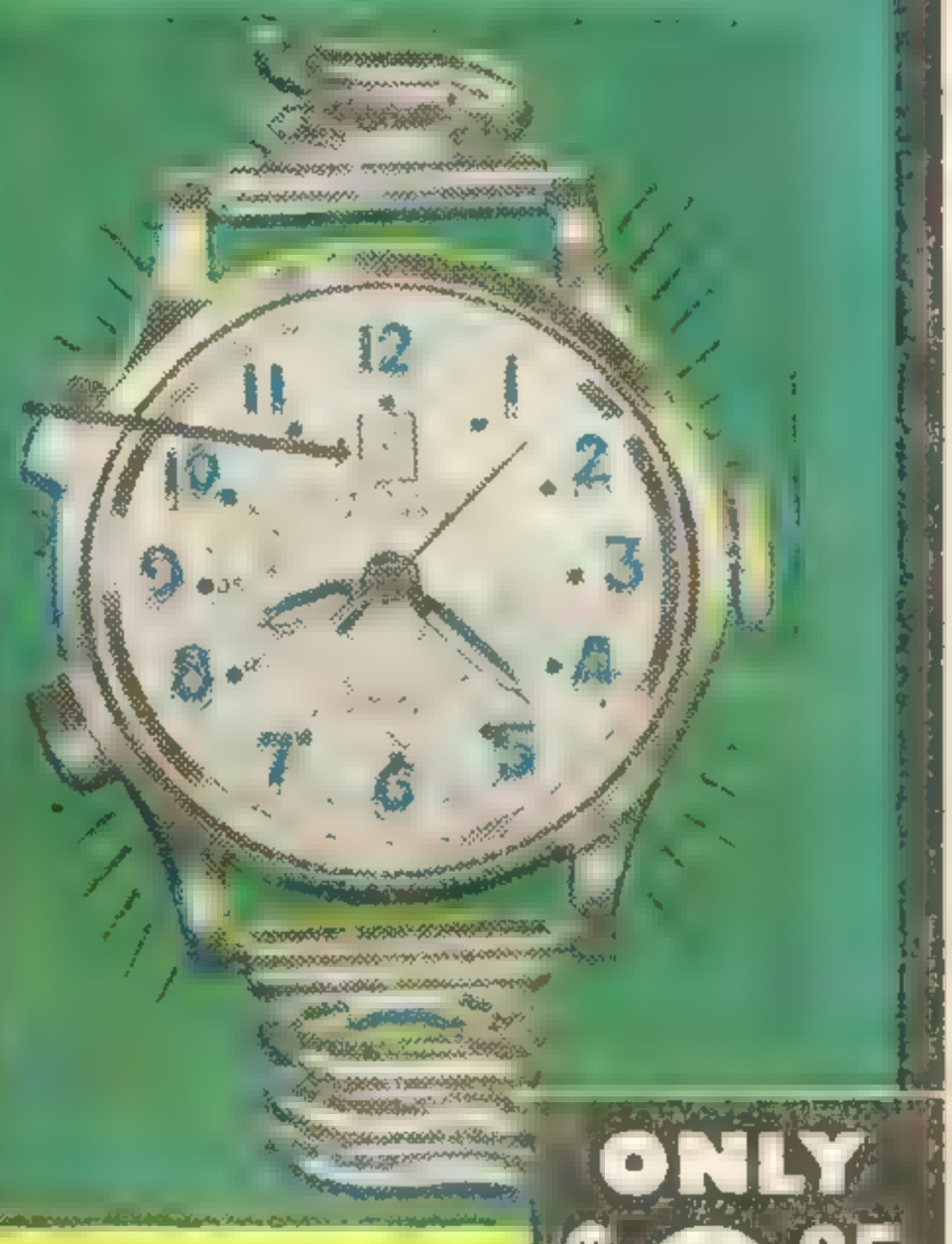

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THE PIPES OF WAR... CONT'D.

Sergeant Chunkins precipitated it by ordering all musical instruments to be left behind when the men were ordered to the front. Private McTavish heard the order stoically, then stepped forward.

"I take it ye dinna include me in that or-r-der, sar-r-ge," he said quietly.

"Include you!" the sergeant bellowed. "The order was meant for you and your--banshee, personally!"

"My bagpipes are no a musical instrument," Private McTavish began doggedly. They're pipes o' war-r—"

"War!" screamed the sergeant, losing his head completely, "what do you know about war, you little coward—"

"Ye wouldna say that, if ye weren't wearin' sergeant's stripes to pr-rotect ye!"

Sergeant Chunkins ripped off his shirt angrily, and the little private, half the size of the burly sergeant, charged in, fists swinging. Private McTavish swung once, and missed, and Sergeant Chunkins swung once—and didn't miss.

Looking down at the unconscious private, Sergeant Chunkins rubbed his chin reflectively. "The little feller is pretty spunky, at that. Maybe I've made a mistake about him...."

"You did, Sarge," Corporal Bailey told him. "You should let him come along—with his bagpipes."

The question had already settled, unfortunately. Private Angus McTavish was found to have a broken jaw, and he and his pipes were left behind as the outfit moved into the front lines.

A month went by. A month of fighting, and death, and suffering. Then came the day of the big push. The men in Sergeant Chunkins' outfit actually knew little of the over-all strategy. All they really knew was that one morning they were ordered forward. They took a hill under heavy fire, and were ordered to hold it at all cost.

All day they fought, and when night came, they were still in possession of the hill. Around them, on all sides, heavy artillery was going off—the enemy's and their own. Suddenly, Corporal Bailey noticed a change in the artillery fire. Alarmed, he called the sergeant over.

"Listen, Sarge," he said hoarsely, "do you hear what I hear?"

The sergeant listened, and his rugged face grew pale. "Those are all enemy guns," he whispered. "We're surrounded! And we don't even know in which direction to fight our way through!"

"Don't our forces know we're cut off?" Bill asked. "Couldn't they signal us which way to go?"

"How are they gonna signal us, with all this noise—"

Then, over the screams of dying men and the roar of exploding shells, came the wild, highland skirling of a bagpipe.

"That's Angus!" Corporal Bailey howled. "Come on--let's head for the sound of those warpipes!"

The men swarmed off the hill, with Sergeant Chunkins and Corporal Bailey in the lead. After a few moments of bitter fighting, they were safe in their own lines.

Sergeant Chunkins and Corporal Bailey went looking for Private McTavish. They found him, finally, still skirling his pipes.

When he saw them, he stopped playing. "Hello, Bill," he said. "Sar-r-ge, I suppose you'll be askin' me to quit playing my pipes—"

"Quit!" roared Sergeant Chunkins, "don't you dare stop! It's the most beautiful music I've heard in my life!"

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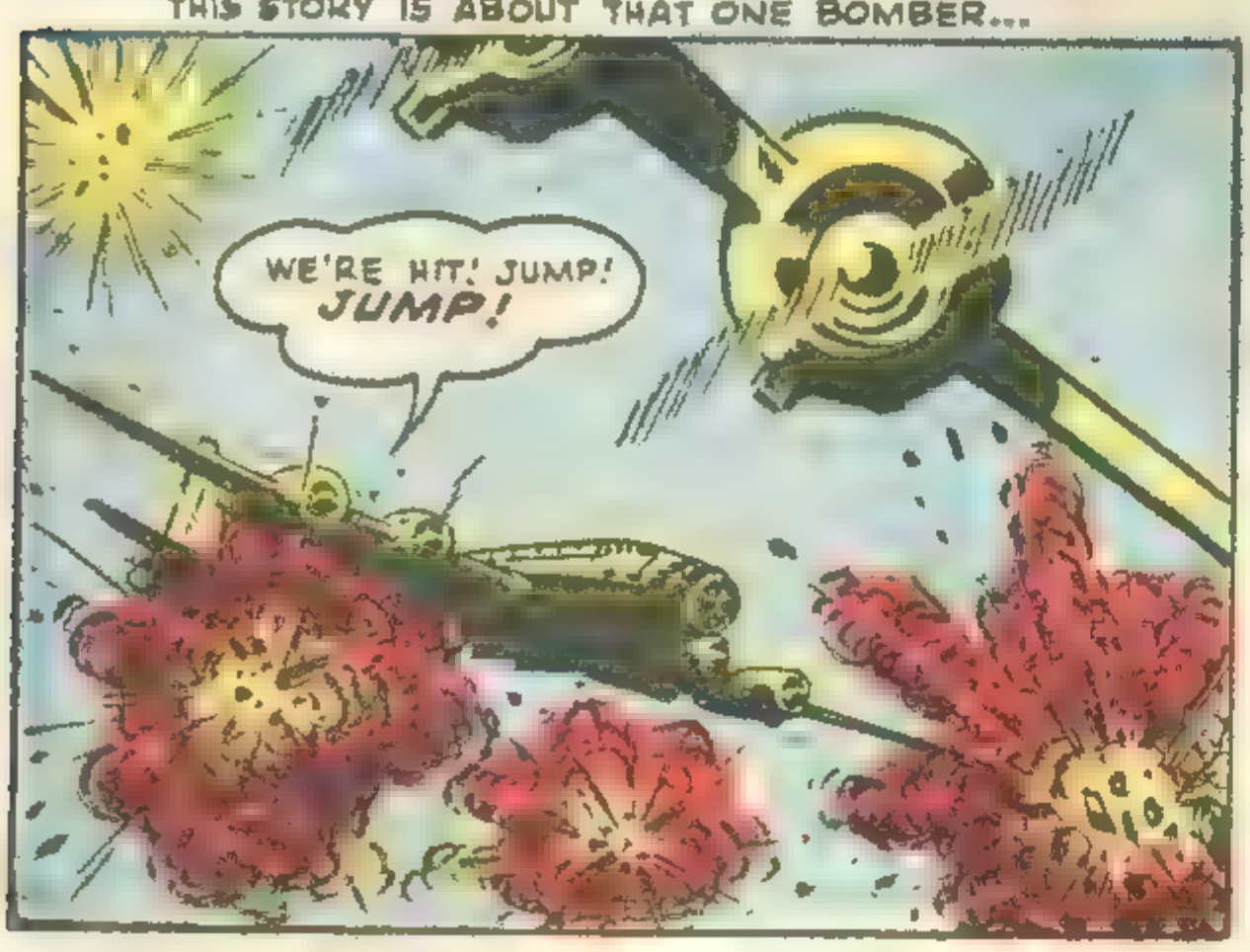
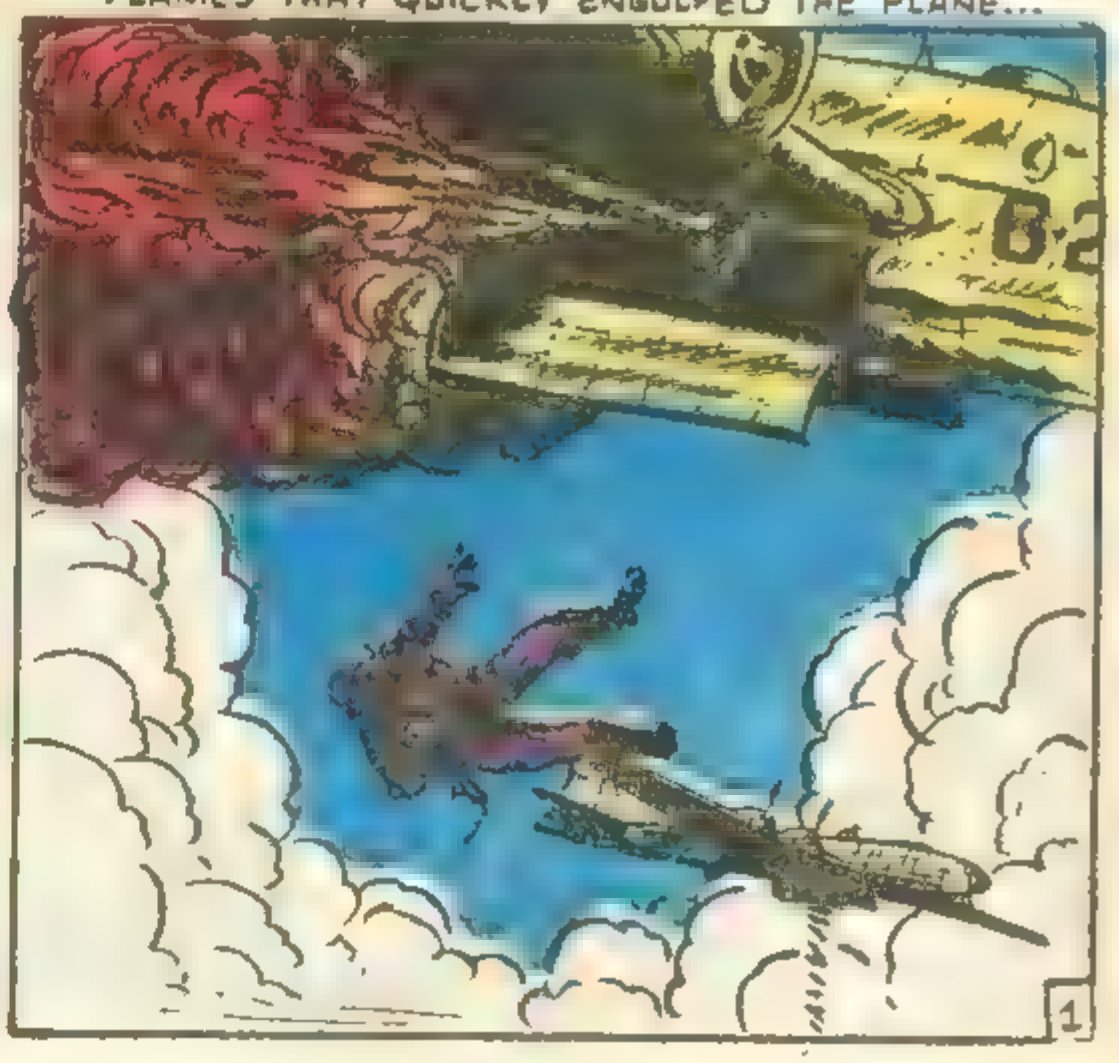
LAST REQUEST

YOU MAY RECALL A COMMUNIQUE IN NOVEMBER, 1951, TO THE EFFECT THAT A B-29 BOMBING GROUP, BASED IN KOREA, PLASTERED A RED AIRFIELD FIFTY MILES SOUTH OF THE MANCHURIAN BORDER, WITH THE LOSS OF ONE BOMBER! THIS STORY IS ABOUT THAT ONE BOMBER...



OR RATHER ONE MAN WHO MANAGED TO ESCAPE THE FLAMES THAT QUICKLY ENGULFED THE PLANE...



BOMBARDIER HAL ROBINSON MANAGED BY SECONDS TO ESCAPE THE INFERNO AND EXPLOSION THAT FOLLOWED...

ITS RUN COMPLETED, THE MISSION SUCCESSFUL, THE OTHER B-29'S HEADED HOME! GRIMLY THEY WATCHED THE SMOKING PIECES OF THE UNLUCKY PLANE TWIRL EARTHWARD...

ONE GUY GOT OUT! THE LUCKY STIFF!

LUCKY? YOU'RE GREEN, KID! THE BOYS WHO WENT DOWN WERE LUCKY! THAT PARA-CHUTE'S LANDING ON *RED SOIL!*

THE PARACHUTE CONTAINED THE LIVING BUT UNEASY BODY OF LT. ROBINSON, WHO ALSO KNEW THE SPOT HE WAS IN! WHAT MADE HIM MOST UNEASY WAS THE FACT THAT THE REDS WERE NOT FIRING AT HIS DESCENDING SILK...

THEY WANT TO TAKE ME ALIVE!

DO NOT HARM HIM! HE IS NOT TO BE INJURED IN ANY WAY!

I'VE GOT A .45! I COULD END IT HERE! A COUPLE OF SHOTS IN THE STOMACH!

...BUT I'LL WAIT! THERE'S ALWAYS TIME TO DIE! HMMM... I MUST BE IMPORTANT! I BROUGHT OUT THE BRASS!

A FEW MINUTES LATER LT. ROBINSON HAD THE PLEASURE OF EXCHANGING SALUTES WITH RED INTELLIGENCE MAJOR KUO...

FIRST LIEUTENANT HAROLD ROBINSON, BOMBARDIER!

A GREAT PLEASURE, LIEUTENANT! WON'T YOU STEP THIS WAY TO OUR INTERROGATION ROOM!

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING! THIS IS MY FIRST RUN!

IT DOESN'T MATTER! STRICTLY ROUTINE QUESTIONING, YOU KNOW! BY THE WAY, YOU DID AN EXCEL-LENT JOB OF OBLITERATING OUR AIR-FIELD!

YEAH, DIDN'T WE! YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO LAND OR TAKE OFF FROM IT FOR WEEKS!

THE FORTUNES OF WAR, LIEUTENANT! WHO KNOWS? MAYBE OUR TURN WILL COME NEXT! STEP INSIDE, PLEASE!

WHAT'S THAT? THE ELECTRIC CHAIR?

OH, NO! WE REDS HAVE COME A LONG WAY SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR! DO YOU KNOW WHAT WE USED TO DO TO EXTRACT INFORMATION FROM OUR CAPTIVES?

TORTURE THEM! PULL THEIR FINGER-NAILS OUT...USE LIVE COALS AGAINST THEIR BARE FLESH, AND OTHER HORRIBLE TORTURES, TOO PAINFUL TO MENTION! IT WAS BARBARIC! IT'S AN EPISODE IN OUR HISTORY WE WANT TO LIVE DOWN!

YEARNING TO BE AS CIVILIZED AS YOU AMERICANS, WE DECIDED ON A NEW TECHNIQUE OF EXTRACTING INFORMATION AGAINST A PRISONER'S WILL! A PAINLESS METHOD! SIT DOWN, LT. ROBINSON! I ASSURE YOU...THIS IS NO TRICK!

PRECIOUS LITTLE I COULD DO ABOUT IT IF IT WERE!

A VERY SENSIBLE ATTITUDE, LIEUTENANT! FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE ANXIOUS TO LEARN THE LOCATION OF A SECRET AMERICAN MUNITIONS DUMP IN SOUTH KOREA! DO WE TORTURE YOU? NO! WE ARE MORE CLEVER THAN THAT!

I GET IT! YOU OFFER ME THE JOB OF FIELD MARSHALL IN THE CHINESE NAVY!

NO, LIEUTENANT! WE OFFER NO INDUCEMENTS! THIS LIE DETECTOR WILL TELL US ALL WE WANT TO KNOW! THE TRUTH WILL COME...NOT FROM YOUR TONGUE, WHICH MAY LIE... BUT FROM YOUR HEART, WHICH DOESN'T!

LIE DETECTOR!?

CORRECT! I HAVE BUT TO CHECK OFF THIS LIST OF NAMES! WHEN I COME TO THE CORRECT NAME, YOUR OWN PULSE BEATS WILL GIVE AWAY THE LOCATION OF THE MUNITIONS CACHE! A DEVIATION OF RHYTHM ON THE GRAPH PAPER... AND WE HAVE WHAT WE WANT!

ROBINSON'S HEART SANK! HIS OWN BLOOD VESSELS AND GLANDS WOULD BETRAY HIM! AND HE COULDN'T CONTROL THEM!...OR COULD HE?

THAT INSTRUMENT IS SENSITIVE TO EVERY INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE BLOOD PRESSURE! BUT HOW CAN I AFFECT MY OWN BLOOD PRESSURE!

WE'RE READY, MAJOR! QUESTION THE DOG!

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OKAY, FELLERS! YOU'VE GOT ME! THERE ISN'T AN EARTHLY THING I CAN DO! I MAY AS WELL RELAX AND ENJOY IT! CAN YOU SPARE A FAG, MAJOR?

WHY NOT? ANYTHING TO MAKE AN AMERICAN OFFICER COMFORTABLE!

YOU AMERICANS CONSTANTLY AMAZE ME! I THOUGHT YOU'D SCREAM AND CURSE AND MAKE A FOOL OF YOURSELF!

WHAT FOR? YOU CAN'T FIGHT CITY HALL! AHH, THAT'S NOT BAD, AN AMERICAN CIGARETTE!

YES! WE ENJOY A CONSTANT SUPPLY FROM AMERICAN CORPSES! NOW FOR THE LIST! I WILL READ THE NAMES OF SOUTH KOREAN TOWNS SUSPECTED OF SECRETING THE MUNITIONS! YOU WILL ANSWER YES OR NO AS YOU LIKE!

GOT IT!

NOT THAT IT MATTERS WHAT YOU REPLY! YOUR PULSE BEATS WILL DO YOUR TALKING FOR YOU! LET'S BEGIN! PUSAN!

NOPE!

AND SO IT WENT... DOWN THE LIST! WITH ROBINSON ALWAYS GIVING THE SAME ANSWER..."NOPE"..."NOPE"... "NOPE!" FINALLY THE MAJOR REACHED ONE TONGUE-TWISTER!

TSI LAOSHAN!

NOPE!

BUT AS ROBINSON SPOKE... HE HELD THE BURNING END OF HIS CIGARETTE AGAINST HIS WRIST...

TSI LAOSHAN WAS NOT THE RIGHT TOWN, OF COURSE! BUT THE CIGARETTE DILATED THE BLOOD IN ROBINSON'S WRIST... AND A SLIGHT JUMP WAS REGISTERED ON THE METER!

TSI LAOSHAN IS THE ONLY OUTSTANDING PEAK IN THE GRAPH, MAJOR!

EXCELLENT! WELL, LIEUTENANT! I HAVE BEEN GOOD TO YOU! I GRANTED YOUR LAST REQUEST!

...NOW GRANT MINE... *DIE!*

BANG

THE AMERICAN MUNITIONS CACHE IS AT TSI LAOSHAN! BOMB IT AT DAWN!

AND AS DAWN CAME TO TSI LAOSHAN, SITE OF THE HEAVIEST AMERICAN ACK-ACK CONCENTRATION IN KOREA...

WE'RE GETTIN' 'EM ALL, SIR! IT'S AS IF THEY WALKED INTO IT!

THEY MUST'VE EXPECTED A MILK RUN! POOR SLOBS! THEIR INTELLIGENCE MUST BE LOUSY!

HEY, BY THE WAY... ANYBODY GOT A CIGARETTE?

THE END

KENT BLAKE

SECRET SERVICE

THERE WAS A VAST MOVEMENT OF MEN AND WAR MACHINES... MOVING FROM DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS, THROUGH THE RAIN AND MUD, TO CONVERGE AT A GIVEN POINT! A SURPRISE ATTACK WAS IN THE MAKING, TO TAKE AND HOLD A STRATEGIC HILL NOW HELD BY THE REDS! SHOULD THE REDS GET WIND OF THE MOVE, THE G.I.'S. WOULD BE MOWED DOWN ON THE OPEN APPROACHES TO THE HILL. AND ONLY CAPT. KENT BLAKE, OF G2, STOOD BETWEEN THE MOVING MEN AND... SLAUGHTER!

A FEW MILES AWAY FROM THE FINAL U.N. FORCES RENDEZVOUS, A RED LISTENING POST LAY WELL HIDDEN IN AN OLD WATER CULVERT!

THERE IS A BIG MOVEMENT OF TROOPS--THAT MUCH WE KNOW FROM THE MESSAGES WE'VE INTERCEPTED! BUT WHERE WILL THEY CONVERGE?

THEY HAVE NOT SENT OUT THAT INFORMATION YET! ALSO THEY ARE CHANGING THEIR CODE AGAIN!

HAH! WE WILL BREAK THIS ONE AS WE HAVE THE OTHERS!

THEY MUST BE AWARE THAT WE ARE INTERCEPTING THEIR MESSAGES, AND ARE AFRAID TO SEND!

BUT THEY WILL HAVE TO SEND BEFORE THE ATTACK... THEN WE WILL KNOW, AND OUR ARMIES WILL BE READY TO SMASH THEM!

WHERE IS THE STUPID ONE WE SENT FOR WATER?

PERHAPS HE IS LOST! HE IS NO GOOD FOR ANYTHING BUT COOKING AND CLEANING ANYWAY...!

AND WHILE THE REDS LISTENED FOR MESSAGES, THE "STUPID ONE" MADE HIS WAY THROUGH THE WOODS TOWARD THE ALLIED LINES!

I HOPE SOME TRIGGER-HAPPY G.I. DOESN'T SPOT ME BEFORE I CAN GET THROUGH.....!

BRAM!

MEANWHILE, AT AMERICAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, CAPT. KENT BLAKE RENEWED AN OLD FRIENDSHIP WITH MAJOR PETER ORMSBY!

HERE'S A RECENT PHOTO OF MY SON KENNETH! HE'S STATIONED HERE, YOU KNOW, IN THE RANKS! I'M PROUD OF THAT BOY, KENT ....HE HAS THE MAKINGS OF A FINE SOLDIER!

LAST TIME I SAW HIM HE WAS A LITTLE SHAVER!

HE'S MY ONLY SON, YOU KNOW! FOR GENERATIONS THE MEN IN OUR FAMILY HAVE BEEN ARMY OFFICERS! I COUNT ON KENNETH TO CARRY OUT THAT TRADITION AND SERVE HIS COUNTRY BRAVELY!

I KNOW HOW YOU LOVE THAT BOY, MAJOR, AND I'M SURE HE WON'T LET YOU DOWN!

CAPT. BLAKE, COLONEL KRUGER WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU IMMEDIATELY!

WELL, HERE I GO AGAIN! I'LL SEE YOU LATER, MAJOR... I HOPE!

A FEW MINUTES LATER, IN COLONEL KRUGER'S OFFICE, KENT SHOOK HANDS WITH THE CHINESE SOLDIER THE REDS HAD NAMED, "THE STUPID ONE"!

KENT, THIS IS LIEUT. SOONG, OF GZ! HE'S BEEN WORKING BEHIND THE RED LINES AND HAS LOCATED THE LISTENING POST INTERCEPTING OUR MESSAGES!

IT MUST BE SMASHED BEFORE OUR MASSED DIVISIONS MOVE ON KAESUNG HILL! IF THEY KNOW IN WHICH DIRECTION OUR MEN ARE MOVING THEY CAN SLAUGHTER THEM! IT'S YOUR JOB TO ELIMINATE THE LISTENING POST! SOONG WILL SHOW YOU WHERE IT IS!

CAPTAIN, THERE'S AN OLD WATER CULVERT-....!

FIVE MEN WERE PICKED TO ACCOMPANY KENT ON HIS DANGEROUS MISSION, AND 20 MINUTES LATER HE WAS READY TO START....

CAPTAIN; MAJOR ORMSBY HAS REQUESTED THAT HIS SON, CORPORAL KENNETH ORMSBY, GO ALONG ON THIS MISSION!

I KNOW THAT, LIEUTENANT! WHAT'S THE BEEF?

WE'VE BEEN BRIEFED ON THIS MISSION AND I KNOW IT'S DANGEROUS! WITH THE CORPORAL ALONG IT'LL BE MORE DANGEROUS! HE...HE'S YELLOW, SIR.... A COWARD! HE'LL LET US DOWN!

...THAT'S A SERIOUS ACCUSATION, LIEUTENANT! THE BOY COMES FROM A FINE, FIGHTING FAMILY, AND IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE HE'S A COWARD! I'LL TAKE A CHANCE HE'S NOT! LET'S MOVE OUT, LIEUTENANT!

THEY TRAVELED BY JEEP TO THE WOODS....

I COULDN'T HURT THE MAJOR BY REFUSING TO TAKE KENNETH ON THIS MISSION! HE'D FIND OUT WHY.... WHAT THE MEN THINK OF HIS SON! IT WOULD BE A TERRIBLE THING FOR HIM.....!

THEN AT A DOG TROT THROUGH THE DRIPPING TREES....

CORPORAL ORMSBY, STAY CLOSE UP BEHIND ME!

YES, SIR!

AND INTO A ZONE WHERE SHELLS WERE FALLING!

HIT THE DIRT!

WHAMM!

KRUMP

THEY RAN... THEY DROPPED... DIGGING THEIR FACES INTO THE MUD AS THE SHELLS SMASHED! THEN UP AND ON AGAIN....!

VHOOM!

BRAMMMMM!

BRUMP!

BROOM!

CAPTAIN, WE CAN'T GO ON....: WE'LL ALL BE KILLED!

WE'VE GOT TO GO ON! PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, ORMSBY!

KRLMPP!

O....I CAN'T ....! THE SHELLS....!

COME ALONG! STOP YOUR SNIVELING... REMEMBER YOU'RE A SOLDIER....!

BOOMMMM.

SEE WHAT I MEAN, CAPTAIN? WE SHOULD LEAVE HIM!

HE'D NEVER GET BACK ALIVE! I'VE GOT TO TAKE HIM WITH ME, NOW!

VHOOMMM.

THEY REACHED THEIR OBJECTIVE IN DARKNESS AND POURING RAIN!

THERE IT IS! NOW HERE'S THE SETUP! YOU MEN STAY HERE! I'M TAKING ORMSBY WITH ME TO SCOUT THE OTHER SIDE AND TRY TO GET TO THE ENTRANCE GUARD AND PAST HIM! SHOULD WE FAIL, THEN YOU HAVE A TRY AT IT! GIVE US 30 MINUTES!

KENT AND YOUNG ORMSBY CRAWLED THROUGH THE MUD, CIRCLING THE CULVERT....

WE'LL NEVER GET BY THAT GUARD! HE'LL KILL US....

QUIET! SOMETHING'S MOVING UP AHEAD! DON'T MAKE A SOUND....!

THEY'RE COMING..... WE'VE GOT TO RUN....!

SHUT UP, YOU FOOL....!

DON'T SHOOT... I SURRENDER....!

NOW YOU'VE DONE IT, YOU....!

TAKE THEM ALIVE FOR QUESTIONING!

WHEN KENT RECOVERED CONSCIOUSNESS HE WAS IN THE RADIO ROOM IN THE CULVERT!

YOU WILL BE TORTURED IF YOU DO NOT TALK... THEN YOU WILL TALK ANYWAY!

I'LL TELL YOU ANY-THING! DON'T TORTURE ME...!

DO YOU KNOW WHY THE ALLIED FORCES ARE CONCENTRATING? WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO STRIKE?

I KNOW! MY FATHER IS A MAJOR... HE TOLD ME...!

HE'LL TELL THEM ...THE G.I.'S WILL BE SLAUGHTERED..!

THE REDS WHOLE ATTENTION WAS FOCUSED ON ORMSBY! THEN, LIKE A HUNTED PUMA, KENT STRUCK...!

I'M SORRY KEN...BUT IT'S YOUR LIFE AGAINST THOUSANDS OF OTHERS...!

GET HIM ...!

THANKS, CAP... CAPTAIN! THIS IS THE... THE ONLY WAY...

THE MAN FROM G2 BACKED OUT OF THE ROOM FIRING COLDLY, SAVAGELY AT THE REDS... WANTING TO MAKE THEM PAY FOR WHAT HE'D HAD TO DO TO KEN ORMSBY...

THEY'LL GET ME... BUT FIRST THEY'LL PAY...!

KENT TURNED A BEND IN THE CULVERT AND FACED---- THE MACHINE GUN GUARD!

THIS IS IT---!

BRAAAAAM!

THIS WAY, SIR! I GUESS WE LOBBED THAT GRENADE IN HERE JUST IN TIME!

LOOK OUT FOR THAT RED PATROL OUTSIDE--!

HERE THEY COME---!

GRENADES! TOSS THOSE GRENADES!

WHAMM!

BOOMA!

WHILE HIS MEN FINISHED OFF THE PATROL, CAPT. BLAKE THREW SEVERAL GRENADES INTO THE CULVERT-----

THAT DOES IT! BUT---ORMSBY, SIR-----?

HE'S IN THERE! THE REDS TORTURED HIM AND KILLED HIM FOR INFORMATION, BUT HE WOULDN'T TALK! HE DIED LIKE A MAN--- LIKE AN ORMSBY!

VHOOMMM!

BEFORE DAWN OF THAT DAY G.I.'S MOVED LIKE GHOSTS THROUGH THE RAIN, AND SURPRISED THE ENEMY ON KAESUNG HILL-----

WHAM!

AND MAJOR ORMSBY LED HIS MEN, SADDENED BY THE DEATH OF HIS SON, BUT MADE FIERCELY PROUD BY THE LITTLE WHITE LIE THAT NAMED HIS SON---HERO!

WE'RE WINNING! A TRIBUTE TO YOU, MY SON:--- TO YOUR CHOICE OF TORTURE AND DEATH RATHER THAN COMPROMISE WITH HONOR!

BRAT-TAT-TAT-TAT!

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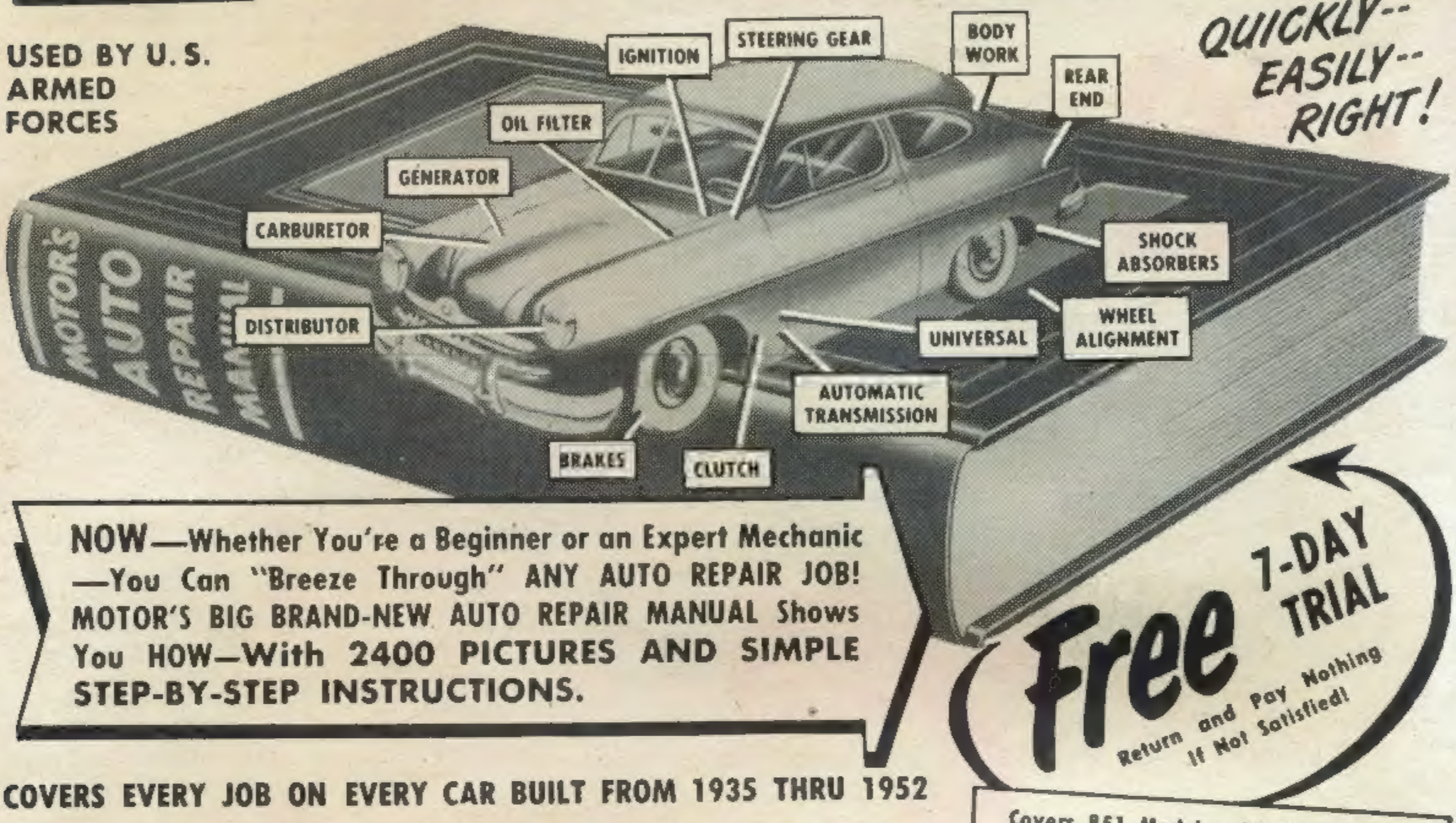

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